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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR TOGOLESE ARMY OFFICER

MAJOR KODJO PATANAAM ABALO ATTENDING DIMO TRAINING

REF: LOME 597

- 11. Embassy Lome requested human rights certification for one Togolese Army officer to attend HIV/AIDS Strategic Planning and Policy Development training from 4 through 13 December **1**2008.
- 12. Information about the participant is as follows:

Name: Kodjo Patanaam ABALO

Rank: Major

Unit: Togolese Army

Occupation: Liaison officer PSI-TOGO/TOGOFAT

Date of Birth: 24 July 1963 Place of Birth: Kara, Togo

Type of Training: HIV/AIDS Strategic Planning and Policy

Development

Place of Training: San Antonio, Texas Date of Training: 4 through 13 December

- 13. As of October 6, Regional Security Officer, Political and Human Rights Officer, and Consular Officer at post have reviewed the nominees' files and found no derogatory information.
- $\underline{\P}4$. The Department has reviewed its files and finds that it has no credible information of gross human rights violations by the personnel listed above. Post is authorized to convey this information using the following language: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the identified Senegalese personnel.
- 15. If at any time Embassy becomes aware of any information regarding incidents that could be deemed to be credible information of gross violation of human rights by any personnel involved in this training, Embassy should so inform the Department. RICE